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NINE SOLID ACRES HEMEROCALLIS

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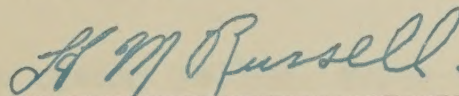
Dear Sir:

Among the next daylilies, I expect to introduce in the near future, I have selected 17 of the most outstanding to offer to some of my clients in the several sections of our country prior to listing them in my catalogue.

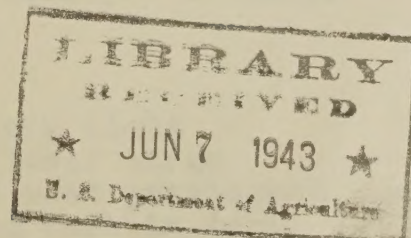
These 17 varieties were selected from more than 100,000 Hybrids, the result of many years selective breeding. They will just about cover the entire color range found only in the newer Hybrids. I have never introduced a daylily for less than \$2.00, and up to \$20.00 per plant, but I am going to offer you any seven that you select from this list for \$5.00 or the entire collection of 17 for \$10.00 Postpaid. They will be strong vigorous plants, and if planted now, yes even in the summer, they will give you well established clumps for next seasons bloom, and what a garden you will have for just a few dollars. It is just that I want you to become better acquainted in what I have to offer in daylilies.

The blooming habits of these varieties, as well as the keeping quality of the bloom were of course taken into the most careful consideration. This offer is good for 30 days only, and in no wise can we send more than one collection to one single client. If you wish to take advantage of this offer, but are not ready to plant at this time, you may send your order now, and the plants will be reserved for you until you want delivery, within one year from this date.

Very truly yours,



H. M. Russell



Plant Hemerocallis Daylilies once and have them always

These seventeen varieties were selected to give a wider color range and to include different flower shapes and heights, as well as excellent foliage and profusion of blooms. This entire collection blooms here in April and May, which would make them May and June bloomers in the colder sections. These plants are not ready for general release yet, not being listed in our catalogue, and only a limited number will be sent out this year. I believe these varieties are quite unlike any you may already have.

ACRES OF GOLD (Yellow)

This is about the most fool-proof, reliable of all the yellows. It is a solid, true canary-gold, my favorite of the yellows. The petals are slightly ruffled. Bloom - $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches; height - 3 feet.

ADMIRATION (Mahogany-Red)

A mahogany red with deeper mahogany eye zone. The bloom is 4 inches and slightly reflexed; the throat yellow. Quite distinct from all the other reds and a most profuse bloomer. $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

CAMPUS QUEEN (Yellow-Orange)

This is a solid color. It is certainly not yellow and just as certainly not orange, but a soft pastel color between the two. The bloom has a delightful shape. 5 inches; $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

CIMARRON (Varied)

This is really a bold daylily and one of the most pleasing patterns. The blooms are about 5 inches and open full. The petals are brown with an intense maroon eye zone. The sepals are yellow overcast with red. The throat is green. Many call this a glorified George Yeld. 3 feet.

CRITERION (Red)

The petals and sepals are a mahogany red. The petals have a deeper red eye zone with a yellow midrib. The throat is yellow, shading to green. $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches. 3 feet.

EVANGELINE (Red-Purple)

Some of my clients have said they would dread to have to describe this daylily, but I'll attempt to do it. The petals are rosy red, almost a wine color, with a deep purple eye. The sepals are just a bit lighter in color and decidedly twisted. The throat is absolutely green. This daylily looks quite a bit like an orchid in color and shape, and unlike any I have ever seen. 6 inches. $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

HUISACHE (Yellow)

This daylily is a deep creamy yellow, quite unlike any other yellow. Never has a client expressed dislike for this color. Petals and sepals are a solid color. A real beauty. 5 inches 3 feet.

KEEPSAKE (Light Chrome)

This is an unusual daylily. It is a very light chrome. Petals and sepals are not wide, nor is the flower large, being about $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches, but this daylily is one of the most persistent bloomers in my field and the first such color blooming here in April in a dwarf class. 2 feet.

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MISCHIEF (Brownish-Red)

This is a brownish-red daylily, but unlike any other in its color class, the sepals being dark red, the petals brown with a wide, almost black eye zone. This is a cross of Multiflora and one of the larger blooms, which accounts for the medium size flower. 4 inches. $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

MRS. CHAS. URSCHER (Pale Lemon)

This is really a two-tone lemon by the fact that its almost solid self has a faint trace of gold. While this bloom is not so large, being about 4 inches, the petals are very wide and have a tendency to twist. The substance is excellent. Of the many in this color range I would certainly class this at the top of them all and surely the best for cut flowers. No matter how many yellows there are, none compares with this one. $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

NOSIESTA (Chrome)

Nosiesta is aptly named since it seems never to quit blooming in our fields. It really has two distinct blooming seasons here: March and April and again in midsummer. The color is a light chrome. This plant is a very fast grower and a most unusual flower in every respect. Blooms 6 inches and opens full. $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

OVERTURE (Red)

This is a little, light red, multiflora type with a deep red eye zone and a green throat. Of all the many hybrids we've gotten from this wild species, this one is, to me, surely the loveliest because it has a shape unlike any of the others. The sepals and petals twist as do only the larger types, such as Wau Bun and Emily Hume. 3 inches. 3 feet.

SEASHELLS (Rose)

This one is really hard to describe. The throat is chartreuse. The petals are an intense rose. The sepals are lemon with a faint trace of rose. The sepals open full, slightly reflexed. The petals stand semi-erect. $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches. 3 feet.

THALIA (Canary Yellow)

The first really orchid-shape bloom we have ever produced. This flower almost resembles a huge spider lily. The color is an exact canary yellow, but the petals and sepals are overcast with a rosy brown. The sepals are almost completely twisted; the petals pinched. This flower would hardly be recognized as a daylily at all. 5 inches. $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

THE ALAMO (Red)

Never would I have named just an ordinary daylily for The Alamo. Here is a red daylily unlike any other red daylily. It is a vivid, true rosy red. The flower is only $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches, slightly re-curved and with a velvet finish. $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

THE SHOWOFF (Brownish-Red)

Another brownish-red daylily. The bloom is only about $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches, but its unusual height and intense coloring make it really outstanding. 4 feet.

TOMESHA (Brownish-Red)

This brownish-red daylily is one of the showiest semi-dwarfs. Petals and sepals are an even color with a yellow midrib and a deep red eye zone. $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches. 20 inches.

DR. STOUT'S VARIETIES

Special Summer Sale

To those of you who are under the impression that northern developed, northern grown daylilies are superior to those developed and grown in the Deep South let me say that, from reports I get from my clients who are growing my varieties in the North, I cannot agree with you, but nevertheless, you are to be your own judge. At any rate, they are just as hardy because daylilies, you know, will thrive just about everywhere. The following will give you a chance to try several and at a very moderate cost. I am therefore offering you ten varieties developed by Dr. A. B. Stout at the New York Botanical Gardens in New York City and first released by the Farr Nursery Company of Weiser Park, Pa. These have proven extremely hardy and satisfactory both in the North and South, just as have my varieties. These varieties were originally listed by Farr at three dollars each. To encourage summer planting I am offering you one husky, vigorous plant each of this entire collection (ten plants) all for three dollars postpaid. Every plant will come to you labeled and guaranteed strictly true to name. This offer is good for thirty days only and is subject to cancellation at any time prior to the expiration of this period.

Refer to our 1943 catalogue for description of these varieties. If you have misplaced our catalogue, write for another one.

Bagdad
Boutonnier
Cinnabar

Dauntless
Linda
Mikado

Patricia
Rajah
Serenade
Vesta

This is a real flower garden for three dollars. These plants should give you a hundred blooms each next season, and more and more each year. Plant now and get all this season's growth for more bloom next season.

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